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## Old paint brings new stains

This is the second in a series of five stories that will explore the latest innovations in home and business recycling. The reports also will detail how well recycling has worked and the prospects for success in the future. This "Do it for your mother" series was developed with a large amount of research by the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.

By Jim Rygelski  
 Staff writer

Nancy Niemeyer admits recycling paint was once the furthest thing from her mind.

So was properly disposing of the leftover paint from a job around the house.

"I threw it in the trash can," Niemeyer said of her easy but environmentally unsafe old habits.

Now Niemeyer, of the Fenton area, has a quite different opinion about what to do with old paint. Her company, Paint Solutions, 1920 S. Vandeventer Ave., recycles more than 10,000 gallons of flat latex a year to individuals and companies. It is the only such paint recycling operation in the Midwest.

"My one comment is, you can buy it and it will work great. People think that because it's recycled it's not that good, but it works well for everything," she said.

"And the more they use it, people will realize it's just as good as what you can get in a hardware store."

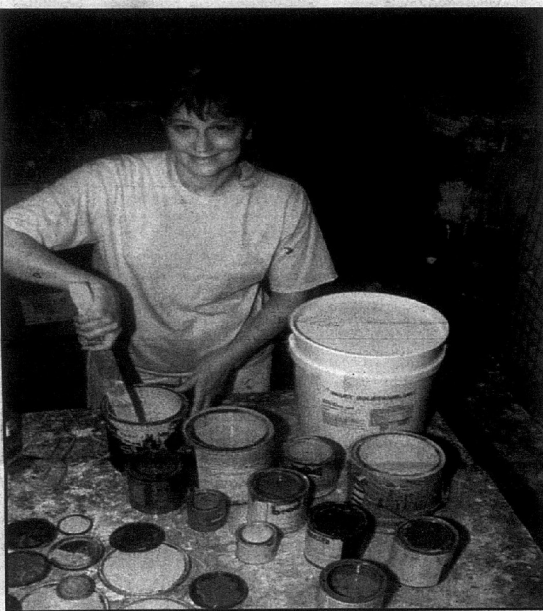
She also thinks it's priced just as well, starting as low as \$7 a gallon and going as high as \$15 for some mixes.

Niemeyer worked for an industrial paint producer for more than 10 years before opening her business. She noticed when that company produced a batch that failed to meet specifications, it worked a portion of it into a new batch. That made her wonder why paint recycling was not done more often.

She said St. Louis County officials approached her about opening a paint recycling operation, which she did in the fall of 1993. Her company now has a branch near Seattle and is hoping to open another one on the east coast.

Paint Solutions obtains its old paint from collections it manages around the area, often on Saturdays. In the fall it will offer collections for residents of Ferguson and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District. As a part of the deal, Paint Solutions will give the residents the chance to later claim recycled paint for free.

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Virginia Flier, executive assistant at Paint Solutions, shows cans of both discarded paint and the recycled product.

## Hauler provides education

By Jim Rygelski  
 Staff writer

A 1-year-old program in Pagedale is resulting in some modest, yet important gains, in improving people's attitudes toward recycling, say those involved in it.

"They've done a pretty good job. We've seen a pretty substantial increase in recycling," said Steve Triplett, operations manager for E&H Hauling Co., based in Bridgeton.

E&H has picked up trash in Pagedale since 1991. The city uses its tax income to pay residents' bills. Last August E&H began a new program showing residents how much it would cost them individually to throw their rubbish in the area's landfills.

The program's goal is to get people to think of ways to reduce the weight of their trash, and the cost of its disposal, by removing recyclable items.

A third of the \$300,000 program is financed by the St. Louis County Health Department. What E&H has done over the past year is to

weigh the amount of trash each resident puts out for the once-weekly pickup. The trash truck is equipped with a computerized platform-type scale and uses a radio frequency indicator to record the name and address of the resident.

The trash can is lifted by the truck's mechanical arm, dumped onto the scale and held long enough to be electronically weighed. The trash is then dumped into the main receptacle to be compacted.

Now, E&H is sending out a dummy bill based on last year's actual pickups at a single address. (Triplett said the name and address of the person have been covered so as not to embarrass that person.) The bill shows the weight of the trash that person discarded and what the resident would have had to pay to have it dumped in a landfill.

"People have called in and asked, 'What does my trash weigh today?'" Triplett said.

He said sending the dummy bill was meant to encourage people, not to offend or scare.

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## Gas leak disturbs quiet street

By Michelle Duell  
 Staff writer

A gas meter that popped at 14 Fontainebleau St. in Pontoon Beach had Mitchell firefighters on the scene Friday, until the Illinois Power Co. gas repairmen arrived to stop the leak, said a woman living at the address.

Dorothy and David Clutta's gas meter blew a nipple, apparently due to stress from shifting ground. The shift put pressure on a gas line to their house, said Jim DeVor, customer relations manager for the Illinois Power.

"No one was injured," DeVor said. "There was no fire."

"It was spewing," Dorothy Clutta said of the leak. "It had to be coming up to the eaves of my house."

Traffic was halted on Fontainebleau Street, and Mitchell firefighters arrived about 20 minutes after Clutta dialed 911, she said.

"When the fire department got there, they ran water over

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(the leak)," Clutta said. "They were professional and knew exactly what they were doing."

Clutta said she first became aware of the leak as she was walking across Fontainebleau.

"I heard a pop, looked back across the street," and saw it, she said. "It was a big surprise."

Neighbors evacuated their homes until the leak was stopped, she said.

Jim Giese, who lived across the street, said: "One of our neighbors rang the doorbell and told us to get out of the house. Fortunately, the wind was blowing it away, or it could have been a lot worse."

Giese said shifting ground, which caused the leak, has been a problem in the neighborhood.

"We've had foundation

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## Local pickets go up UPS negotiations continue

By Becky Vollmer  
 Correspondent

Members of the Teamsters union picketed late last week outside the United Parcel Service Alton Center in Bethalto, the first such action the center has seen since the union's nationwide strike against UPS began Monday.

Between six and nine pickets from Teamsters and Chauffeurs Local 525 in Alton first arrived at the Bethalto center about 6:30 a.m. Monday, said Kerry Ford, a UPS manager at the Alton Center.

"They were doing just what picketers are supposed to do," Ford said. "They were calmly walking back and forth carrying their signs, then they grabbed some chairs and sat down for a while."

"When we checked later, everyone was gone," he said. Pickets returned to the site about 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The UPS Teamster workers at the Alton Center are represented by Local 710, which is the only group of UPS Teamsters in the country not on strike, union officials said.

Local 710 is operating under a different contract with UPS and has not honored the

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 UPS employee

nationwide strike.

The principal officer for Local 710, which is based in Chicago, could not be reached for comment Thursday. In fact, he has not returned calls for four days.

Steve Trossman, a spokesman for the Teamsters Union in Washington, D.C., said he was not sure why Local 710 voted to extend its contract with UPS instead of joining the rest of the Teamsters.

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## Fire hits GCHS

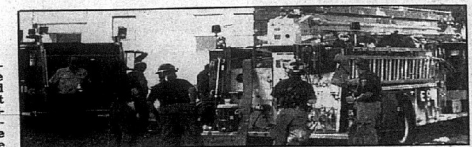
By Scott Kelly  
 Staff writer

A small fire in the basement of Granite City High School Thursday morning threatened to destroy the school's history.

The school's graduation photos, normally displayed on a wall in the high school at 3101 Madison, were temporarily stored in a basement room.

Construction workers remodeling the high school were using a welder to remove old radiators when sparks went down a pipe. The sparks ignited items stored in the basement at 9:17 a.m. The fire damaged items including the graduation photos, picture frames and cabinets.

Tom Holloway, administrative assistant for secondary



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Firefighters work Thursday morning to put out a fire that damaged the school's collection of graduation photos.

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## Ready for action

St. John Lutheran Youth Group held a car wash Saturday at the church parking lot, 2001 St. Clair Ave., to raise money for youth projects. Above, the youth group reads to clean cars at their previous car wash on July 12. The youth group holds the car washes every second Saturday of the month. The group is open for any 11- to 17-year-old youth. Call Jackie Harris at 451-7788 for more information.

## Keeping tabs

Program will require businesses to report on new employees

By Mark Hodapp  
Staff writer

Illinois businesses will be helping child support officials track down absent parents under a nationwide program that goes into effect Oct. 1.

The Employer New Hire Reporting Program will require businesses to report new employees within 20 days of their first day on the job.

This information will be fed into a national registry to provide more information for locating non-custodial parents. Tom Revane, manager of the Illinois Department of Employment Security's benefit system office in Chicago, said he has talked to several employers about the program.

"For the most part, they have reacted positively because they understand the purpose behind it," he said.

The information will be shared with the Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting office, which will track down non-custodial parents.

Dean Schott, a spokesman for Illinois Public Aid office in Chicago, said a study recently completed by Lt. Governor Bob

Kustra predicted the new hiring program will result in an additional \$30 million being collected annually from absent parents.

"Now, the state collects about \$300 million," he said.

Schott said the program is also expected to save an additional \$25 million for fraudulent welfare, unemployment and insurance benefits.

Schott estimated that 50 percent of the children who would be eligible to child support would be covered by the program, presently, he said.

The IDES has developed several reporting methods to ease the paperwork for employers, including:

- Producing a form that can be mailed or faxed to the agency
- Using copies of the employee's W-4 form
- Developing a new toll free number to answer questions

The number is 1-800-327-4473. Information and assistance will be made available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Revane said all new employees, including part-timers, will be covered by the program which was created under the Federal Welfare Act passed by Congress

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Tom Revane  
Manager of IDES

last year.

But there is still some question whether substitute teachers will be covered because they are not considered employees by most school districts, he said.

Businesses with employees in more than one state will be required to designate a single state to report all new hires. The employer, however must notify the federal government which state it has selected for reporting.

Information on the program will be distributed to employers starting this month. "The reporting forms should be ready around Aug. 20," Revane said.

## Drug raid nabs tiger cub

Special to the Journal

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) officers recently arrested nine suspects in Columbia and Granite City after finding in a drug raid illegal narcotics, big quantities of cash, weapons and a tiger cub, said an official from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials found the 60-pound Bengal cub, named "Tigger," at a Mount Vernon house inhabited by an acquaintance of one of the suspects. The DEA called them into the investigation after learning of the cub.

Fish and Wildlife Service special agent Timothy Santel of the Springfield enforcement office said he and officials of the DEA Task Force had learned the cub was obtained in Missouri as part of a \$6,000 drug deal.

The July 29 raid netted 120 pounds of narcotics, \$100,000 in cash, dozens of weapons, vehicles, including a race car and a house, Santel said.

The names of the suspects were not released. Santel said the 7-month-old tiger was in good health and being cared for in the Fish and Wildlife Service law

**"It is not unusual that a tiger is part of a narcotics deal. Unlawful trade in wildlife often is related to the illegal drug trade in the United States."**

Timothy Santel  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
special agent

enforcement office in Chicago.

"Although only 7 months old, the cub is already showing signs of his potential strength. He's cute now, but definitely a tiger," Santel said.

"I can't imagine what he'll be like when he's an adult and weighs 300 pounds," he said.

While there are instances where people, such as captive breeders, may keep these animals legally, in general, it is not a good idea, he said.

"They are incredibly powerful and require specialized care and attention that only places like zoos and wildlife sanctuaries provide."

laws, including the Endangered Species Act and the Lacey Act, restrict trade, possession and interstate commerce of the animals," Santel said.

"It is not unusual that a tiger is part of a narcotics deal," he added. "Unlawful trade in wildlife often is related to the illegal drug trade in the United States. It is unfortunate that wildlife becomes part of the fall-out, along with human victims of these activities."

The Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that illegal wildlife trade in the United States amounts to \$5 billion annually, he said.

"Dealers have been known to use venomous snakes to goad caches of narcotics, and drugs are sometimes smuggled inside snakes and other animals," Santel said.

"Animals like Tigger, while appealing as cubs, are extremely difficult to keep. While there are instances where people, such as captive breeders, may keep these animals legally, in general, it is not a good idea, he said.

"They are incredibly powerful and require specialized care and attention that only places like zoos and wildlife sanctuaries provide."

## BRIEFS

### Granite City

**ROAD WORK:** Maryville Road, from Pontoon Road to Highway 203 will be restricted to one lane each way starting Monday.

Illinois Department of Transportation crews will be patching pavement. The lanes will be closed through Aug. 29.

### Madison County

**REAL ESTATE TAXES:** Bill Aery, Madison County treasurer, announced that he will begin the monthly payment plan for property owners who want to budget their real estate taxes on a monthly basis.

This year, the fourth year of the program, in excess of \$500,000 in taxes was paid by the 500 property owners who participated. New sign-

ups are being accepted for the 1997 taxes payable in 1998.

Participants can have their monthly payments automatically deducted from their checking or savings accounts. The program does not reduce the amount of taxes owed, nor does it extend penalty dates.

As current participants finish their payments, they will automatically be sent a new schedule of payments for the following year's taxes and a sign-up form.

Those interested in the monthly payment plan should call the Treasurer's office at 692-6260.

### Metro East

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE:** The American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE), a nonprofit educational foundation, is seeking local host families

for high school foreign exchange students for the 1997-1998 year.

AISE's students come from more than 50 countries, including Lithuania, Croatia and South Africa. Every year, AISE places thousands of exchange students with host families throughout the United States.

AISE exchange students live with American families and attend local high schools during their 10-month cultural exchange experiences. American host families provide these young ambassadors with a room, meals, laundry, family atmosphere in which to live.

The students are eager to learn about American government, history, customs and language, while at the same time leaving a lasting impression of their cultures in the minds and hearts of their host families and peers.

Call 1-800-SIBLING or visit the AISE Web site at [www.sibling.org](http://www.sibling.org) for more information.

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## New law regulates hearing interpreters

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A new law requires the regulation and registration of interpreters for the hearing-impaired.

"This is a very important bill for those who are hearing impaired in our community," said state Rep. Tom Ryder said.

"Those who rely on an interpreter, like students who attend the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, can be assured that the person has met all of the standards and qualifications to properly relay information and communicate with the deaf."

To invoke standards and qualifications for educational interpreters, the Deaf and

Hard of Hearing Commission was established in 1996. Before the law was passed, interpreters were not regulated or registered.

"In the past, the General Assembly has attempted to provide regulations for interpreters of the deaf," said Ryder, R-Jerseyville.

The law was enacted to prevent people from working as professional interpreters unless certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. A satisfactory evaluation by the National Association of the

Deaf, as well as successful completion of the Interpreter Skills Assessment Screening also are required. The interpreter is required to show proof of licensure or certification.

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The company also receives leftovers from contractors. The old paint collected is taken to the company's plant and dumped, according to color, into 275-gallon tanks; and sent to mixing tanks for the filtering of impurities.

"We even scrape the cans," Niemeyer said of the five-person staff's efforts to gather every usable drop.

After filtering, the paint is tested for viscosity, hiding ability and "scrubbability." It is packaged in 5-gallon cans. The process takes about two weeks.

The company produces white, antique white, tan and brown.

"We're starting to process a gray," Niemeyer said. "We can make any color with an order of 50 gallons or more."

Tan, brown and antique white latex sell for \$7 a gallon.

White is \$9 a gallon. Those wanting a semi-gloss can add \$2 a gallon to the price.

Paint Solutions also has contracted with local schools and the city of St. Peters. Some of the paint has been used to cover over graffiti, she said.

Her company has received subsidies from St. Louis County government as well as the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District to offer the collections. The hope is to help people cut down on the amount of solid waste sent to landfills.

While she believes her company is off to a good start, Niemeyer said collections of old paint and the processing involved must be balanced by continued buying of recycled merchandise.

"Otherwise all you're making is more expensive trash," she said.

## Recycler accepts old paint

Paint Solutions accepts donations of old paint at its location in south St. Louis and has various collections in the community in both spring and fall.

• Individuals wanting to drop off the paint at the 1920 S. Vandeventer location can do so on the first Saturday of the month or between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on any Wednesday. The charge is \$1 per container. Company officials ask that the paint not be mixed in any combination.

• Contractors wanting to drop off unused paint should call first at (314) 776-0071.

• Field collections from residents of Ferguson and the Florissant Valley Fire District only are tentatively scheduled for either Sept. 27 or Oct. 18, the date to be chosen later, at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

Residents will be sent cards about a week in advance. They are to bring these as an admission ticket and will be given a receipt that they can later use to procure up to 20 gallons of recycled paint from Paint Solutions.

Call (314) 776-0071 for more information.

## Tires light up UE plant

By Jim Ryggelski  
Staff writer

Union Electric officials will acknowledge their tires-to-energy operation isn't a prolific moneymaker.

However, it does save coal and landfill space, and when operating it can produce enough power to illuminate the equivalent of 200,000 light bulbs with 100-watt capacity.

"Its real value is that it saves a lot of landfill space," said Udo Heinze, manager of fossil fuels for UE.

Since November 1992, the company's Sioux Plant in St. Charles County has burned more than three million discarded tires.

Middlemen buy the tires from auto repair businesses and other places that collect old tires. They slice the tires into 1-inch-square chips, then sell them to UE. The tire chips are burned in cyclone boilers in a 21-story plant covering nearly 1,000 acres.

The plant itself is capable of generating 1,050 megawatts of

electricity. The mix of materials burned at the plant contains 2 percent chipped tires.

The tire-burning operation began as a test in 1992, as UE burned the equivalent of 100,000 tires. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources approved full-scale burning of the tire chips and issued permits for the construction of a conveyor system.

"It's a lot less expensive than the coal we buy, but it's a more labor-intensive process than with coal," Heinze said.

"We're probably breaking even on it, but it does keep tires out of landfills."

Heinze said the amount of tire chips has increased since the operation began.

He said the plant currently burns about 1.5 million tires per year, and hopes to reach 2.5 million to 3 million tires in the future.

"We try to do it on a constant basis; we don't try to batch it," Heinze said of how often the plant burns the tire chips.

## Sioux Plant solves problems

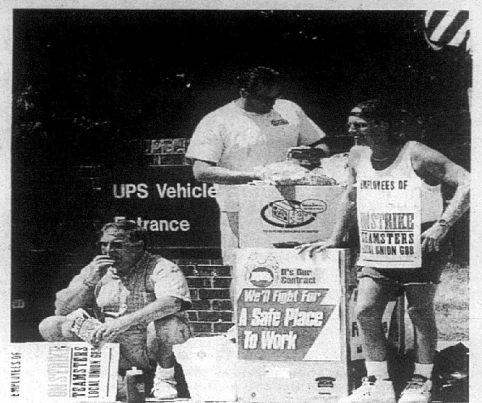
Union Electric Co.'s Sioux Plant in St. Charles County encountered some challenges when it took on the task of turning old tires into energy.

Among the problems and UE's approach to them were:

• The plant's capabilities required tire chips in one-inch squares. UE plant personnel interviewed a number of potential suppliers before choosing a reliable one.

• UE established quality control standards to offset the problems of tire chips freezing together during wet winter shipments.

• UE engineers improved the conveyor system to handle the chips. They are moved by way of a front-end loader from storage to the conveyor.



Staff photo by ROCKY FRESA

Teamsters picketed last week outside the United Parcel Service facility in Earth City, Mo.

## •UPS—

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Although those workers at the Alton Center are not striking themselves, they did honor the pickets and did not work Thursday.

The move forced UPS management employees at the Alton Center to join the ranks of the 50,000 managers and administrators nationwide who have been pressed into service to deliver packages. Even so, a UPS spokesperson said the company is delivering only 10 percent of its normal daily volume of packages.

About 90 percent of the Alton Center's 130 Teamster employees have been laid off because of the sharp decrease in volume.

Talks between the Teamsters and UPS, which broke off Sunday, resumed Thursday afternoon, but officials on both sides said they weren't optimistic the strike would end soon.

As of Journal press time, UPS and Teamster officials were meeting under the observation of the Federal Media-

tion Board. However the talks are not considered to be "formal negotiations," said UPS spokesperson, Mark Dickens.

Rick Fichter has worked for UPS for more than 35 years. So far the strike has not presented a hardship to his family.

"The strike's not too old yet," Fichter said. "But as it gets longer we may have to make certain sacrifices. I'm willing to make sacrifices for the benefit of everybody."

In addition to Thursday's picket at the Alton center, union members picketed throughout last week at various St. Louis area sites, especially at the main UPS complex at 13818 Rider Trail Drive in Earth City.

In the St. Louis area UPS white-collar workers continue to drive the delivery trucks. Most UPS white-collar workers began their careers as drivers before moving into management, Dickens said.

Staff writers Barbara Ponder, Nicole Vaughn and Scott Kell provided some information for this story.

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Triplett said E&H-sponsored workshops in Pagedale over the past year have also given residents information they've needed to start recycling.

"It's a big education process to get people to think of getting rid of things other than by putting them in the trash can," he said.

Triplett said it encourages residents to take the heaviest things out of their trash and put them in the recycling bins. "First take newspapers and glass out of your trash; those are the things that have the most direct impact on your bill," he said.

Residents then are requested to look at the amount of tin, aluminum and plastic they throw away, but could just as easily recycle, Triplett said.

He said when E&H began the program in Pagedale, about 10 percent of its residents recycled. Now, about 30 percent do, he said.

"It's not where we want it to be," Triplett said, "but it's better than it was."

He said he's also noticed the streets of Pagedale look cleaner now that people are finding ways to recycle.

"We as a nation waste a lot; we want to get people's atten-

tion," Triplett said.

Pagedale resident Ellen Slack said the program has helped her be more conscious of what she's throwing in the trash that she could more easily recycle.

"I used to throw away plastic milk containers and soda cans; now I recycle them," Slack said.

"It's not a big job to separate them," she said.

She said E&H and city officials have encouraged recycling for civic beautification as well.

"They asked if we could do that (recycling) so that the streets won't be cluttered," Slack said. "That's not hard to do."

"Some recycle, some don't," Pagedale Mayor Mary Louise Carter said she believes the program has been successful, but needs to be even more so.

We'd like to see 75 percent of our residents participating in recycling," she said.

Carter said older residents generally have been better about recycling than younger ones with families. She added that households with many children need to be more conscious of recycling because of the amount of trash they generate.

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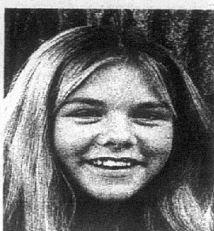
"I would spend the entire day with Chris O'Donnell, because he's cute and a good actor."

Jamie Yarbrough, 13  
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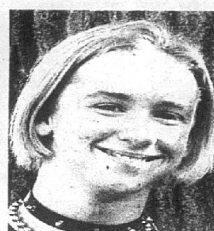
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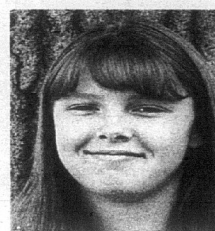
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Camille Sedlacek, 13  
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"I would like to spend the day with Marilyn Manson to see what he does on his own time."

Josh Sikes, 13  
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"I would really love to spend the entire day with the actor Andrew Keagan. He looks good in everything he is in!"

Rachel Cato, 13  
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Photos and interviews by Shirley Valencia  
Interviewed at Wilson Park, Granite City

## Sample trash bill shows weights, costs

A sample trash disposal bill sent to Pagedale residents by E&H Hauling Co. shows the person whose throwaway habits the bill is based on would have paid \$38.31 to have the rubbish removed for the April-through-June period.

Pagedale residents don't pay a separate trash-collection fee because their taxes cover E&H's costs. The company, however, started a program to encourage recycling by showing residents how much they would have paid. City and company officials hope it encourages recycling.

The sample bill sent to 1,200 households in Pagedale last week shows the weight of the trash disposed of at a home during the three-month period. The resident disposed of 1,276 pounds of trash. At 12-cents-

per-pound landfill fees, the resident would have been charged \$15.31 plus \$7 a month basic service fee for the three-month period.

Weekly trash weights on this representative bill ranged from 43 pounds discarded on June 23 to 266 pounds thrown away on May 12.

The bill details such things as the date and time of the pickup as well as the weight of the pickup that day and the fee that would have been charged to the resident had a separate landfill fee been assessed.

The flyer accompanying the bill encourages residents to "reduce, reuse, recycle" such things as aluminum, steel and tin cans; glass (brown, green and clear); plastics; and newspaper.

## •Leak—

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repairs out here, and drive-ways crack," he said.

The repairmen shifted gas lines to put them in less of a bind from the packed and shifting dirt, Giese said.

"It's real dry out here," he said. "Not enough rain."

DeVor confirmed the ground "had settled at our gas meter. That's where the leak was coming from."

"If the service portion had pulled loose (from the gas meter) there probably was pressure there," he said. "Leaks like this are uncommon, though."

To keep everyone safe, however, the repairmen also changed a regulator next to Giese's gas meter, and some pipes, to prevent the meter from surging, Giese said.

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## •Fire—

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education, said normally when a worker is using a welder, a spotter is on the floor below to make certain no fires start.

"There was no spotter in the basement," he said.

The fire "did quite a bit of damage," Holloway said. Many of the graduation photos and picture frames sustained fire damage and water damage.

The high school will have four companies give estimates this week on reconstructing the graduation photos from old

yearbooks.

They will basically take photos of the yearbook pictures to reconstruct the graduation ones, he said.

No one was injured in the fire.

Holloway said the photos are popular with alumni who visit from all over the state. Alumni are surprised to find the high school keeps and displays them.

"We want people to know that we will do everything we can to (restore) those pictures," he said.

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## NEWS

## Eagles install officers at event

Joint installation of officers for Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary was held May 31 at the Eagle Home. Chairman for the event was Randy Odum for the Aerie and Amelia Weatherford for the Auxiliary.

The Aerie officers were installed first: Junior past president Tim Venne Pro Tem Leroy Stark, Vice President Bob Gregonis, Chaplain Randy Odum, Conductor John Paschedag, Secretary Kenneth Spencer, Treasurer Robert Sanders, Inside Guard Tom Shipley pro tem Richard Ederle, Trustees three year Charles Stokes, two year Craig

Nyers pro tem David Weatherford, one year Gene Reinhardt pro tem David Cooper, Worlthy President James Boyd.

The Auxiliary officers were then installed: Jr. Past President Susan Allen, Vice President Nina Jackson, Chaplain Helen Mih, Secretary Vincine Zerlian, Treasurer Catherine Kostoff, Chaplain Helen Mih, Conductor Sue Rogers, Inside Guard Laverne Malzynski, Outside Guard Mary Church, three year trustee Florence Stokes pro tem Helen Mueller, two year trustee Martha Simpson, one year trustee Florence Hagman pro tem Ann Pates,

and worthy president Mildred Boyd.

President Mildred Boyd had junior past president Susan Allen escorted to the altar and gifts were exchanged. Susan Allen was presented with her past presidents certificate and her gold card. President Mildred Boyd then announced the Auxiliary mother — Hilda Melton.

President James Boyd has past president pro tem Leroy Stark escorted to the altar and presented with a gift. He then announced the Eagle of the Year Bob Gregonis and he was presented with a gift.

## Vargo and Shore: A hot item?

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

Meeting comedian Pauly Shore was Vanessa Vargo's dream, but she never thought she'd be part of an interview with him on a radio program.

"It happened to me!" she said with excitement in her voice.

Vargo, of Granite City, was interviewed with Shore at 5:50 a.m. in July on Alice 104.1 FM at West Port in St. Louis.

"They taped us, and I was answering questions," Vargo said.

How she and Shore became part of a radio show and how she met him was Shore's idea, she said.

Vargo said she had gone to the West Port Funny Bone Comedy Club to watch and photograph him.

"I sat in the third row, and I didn't laugh at any of his jokes," she said. "I don't get jokes."

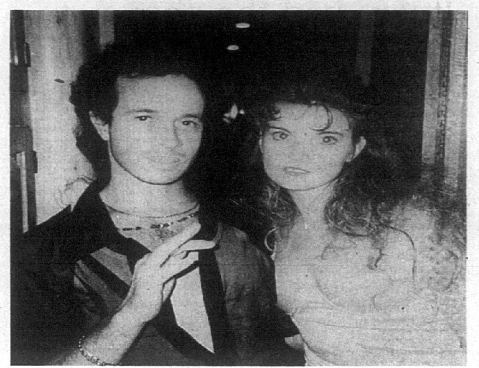
"He started talking to me, so I stood up. He asked me why my voice was so high, and my answer made him laugh."

"He said, 'I've never laughed at a girl like this,'" she said.

Vargo said the manager of the Funny Bone had promised her she could photograph Shore, so after his performance concluded, she followed him and a crowd of other women to his tour bus.

"There were so many people there," she said. "Pauly saw me taking his picture, and told everyone on the bus they had to go. He kept me with him. He asked me 'Squeaky,'"

Vargo and Shore talked, she said, and he asked her to



Pauly Shore and Vanessa Vargo

accompany him to the radio station, where he planned to be interviewed.

"I made him laugh again when I was on the radio," she said. "They taped us, and I was just answering his questions. The D.J. tried to interview Pauly, but he said, 'No,' he had to talk to me."

After the interview, Vargo was given a tape of the radio show, which was a recording of her conversation with Shore.

"Then I walked around with him for a while, and he said he had to go. I talked to him about four hours. He's just like he is in that movie he was in — Son-in-Law. He said he was born in 1968."

"He's really nice," she said. "He doesn't cuss in person or smoke. He said (when he left) he was going to call me some day. But you know how that goes. He wears these really funny clothes."

## Dry weather beginning to take its toll

Special to the Journal

Area farmers may lose big yields on thousands of acres of corn wilting in the hot, dry soil.

"A severe shortage of rain across the county will cut corn yields in the fall harvest," said

Ray Gvillo of the Madison County Farm Service Agency in Edwardsville.

Lush, green corn leaves are turning brown and withering from Madison to Macoupin counties.

A lack of rain during a critical time when corn was pollinating may decrease average yields as much as 25 to 30 bushels an acre in some sections of Madison County, Gvillo said.

In the Fosterburg area, only 0.9 of an inch of rain has fallen on the farm fields since June 14, Gvillo said.

The fields need rain now to fill out the kernels on the corn ears," he said.

The dryness may cut a swath in the \$100 million corn market in Madison, Macoupin, Jersey, Greene and Calhoun counties.

"The corn stalks are firing (turning yellow) from the ground up," Gvillo said.

About 18 inches of moisture has been recorded so far this year, compared with a normal "23 inches," said Bill Glass, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service.

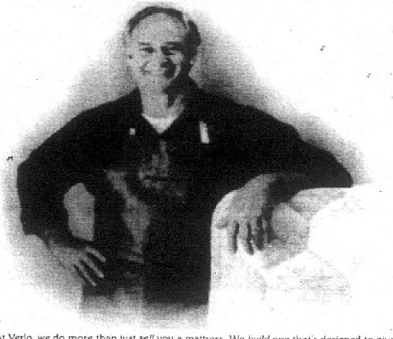
"We're experiencing a mild drought," he said.

The corn crop this summer will fall hundreds of thousands of bushels short of the near bumper crop in 1996, when corn yields hit 150 to 180 bushels an acre on some farms.

"It's terribly dry in the corn and soybean fields," said Godfrey Mayor Michael Campion, a farmer. "Corn and soybeans look bad."

"It's probably the driest summer since 1988," said John Nolan, director of the Macoupin County Farm Service Agency. "I expect below-average yields in the county."

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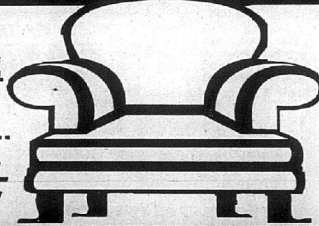
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## OBITUARIES

## Kevin Crown

KEVIN SCOTT CROWN, 39, of Hannett, formerly of Granite City, died at 7:25 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, 1997, at his residence. Born Jan. 15, 1958, in Fayette County, he resided in Granite City most of his life prior to moving to Hannett six months ago.

Mr. Crown was employed at Schnucks Market in Granite City for 23 years as a dairy department manager. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Granite City, Edwardsville Gun Club, Ducks Unlimited and United Food and Commercial Workers Union 655.

Survivors include one son, Adam Scott Crown of Granite City; his parents, John and Beverly (Bingaman) Crown of Granite City; one brother, David Bruce Crown of Geneva; two sisters, Cathy Crown of Lake Forest and Sherri Nichols Stoffer of Lees Summit, Mo.; and his maternal grandparents, Floyd and Lucille Bingaman of Brownstown.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Brad Crown, who died in 1981.

Visitation will be from 3 - 9 p.m. today, Sunday, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at Davis Funeral Home with the Rev. Carl Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Adam Crown Educational Fund, c/o John Crown.

**Joseph A. Dobrowski**  
JOSEPH A. DOBROWSKI, 48, of Arlington Heights, formerly of Granite City, died at 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 1997, at his residence following a one-year illness. He was born July 12, 1949, in Granite City.

Mr. Dobrowski was employed by Aramark Uniform Services as an operations engineer. He was a U.S. Army veteran, member of St. James Parish of Arlington Heights and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and a graduate of the University of Missouri at Rolla.

Survivors include one son, Matthew Dobrowski of Arlington Heights; one daughter, Joanna Dobrowski of Arlington Heights; three sisters, Karen Evans of Pekin, Jean Knox of Granite City and Janet Rains of Wichita, Kan.; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph L. and Betty R. (Prewett) Dobrowski.

Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison with the Rev. Fr. Jim Keefe officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or three Dobrowski Trust Fund.

**Donald J. Carlisle**  
DONALD J. "DUCK" CARLISLE, 60, of Murphysboro died at 1:07 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 1997, at St. Joseph Hospital in Murphysboro. He was born June 8, 1937, in Murphysboro.

Mr. Carlisle was a cement finisher and truck driver. A Korean Marine Corp. veteran, he was a member of VFW Post 7190 in Murphysboro.

Survivors include his parents, Claude "Bud" Sr. and Gertrude (Carlisle) Daniels; four daughters, Donna Jean Carlisle and Theresa Mae Murray both of Granite City, Juli Ann Ingram of Carterville and Katherine Sue Ray of Lee Summit, Mo.; one brother, Claude "Skip" Daniels Jr. of Vergennes; and two grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 9, at Pettitt Funeral Home, 1419 South Street, Murphysboro, with the Rev. Joe Daniels officiating. Burial was in DeSoto Cemetery, DeSoto.

**Alice (Vanover) Price**  
ALICE (VANOVER) VANDAEVER PRICE, 93, of Edwardsville died at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 1997, at Edwardsville Care Center where she had been a resident for 15 years. Born March 4, 1908, in Stonewall, Ark., she moved to Madison in 1922.

Mrs. Price was employed by Koch Hospital in St. Louis for 10 years as an L.P.N. She was a former member of St. Baptist Church of Madison and Eastern Star.

Survivors include one son, Zoe Vandaveer Jr. of Spring, Texas; two nieces and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Zoe Vandaveer Sr.; her second husband, William Price; one son, Henry Vandaveer, and her parents, Henry and Hattie (Varham) Vandaveer.

Visitation will be from 7 - 8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City. Graveside services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at St. John Cemetery, Granite City, with the Rev.

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Survivors include his parents, Claude "Bud" Sr. and Gertrude (Carlisle) Daniels; four daughters, Donna Jean Carlisle and Theresa Mae Murray both of Granite City, Juli Ann Ingram of Carterville and Katherine Sue Ray of Lee Summit, Mo.; one brother, Claude "Skip" Daniels Jr. of Vergennes; and two grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 9, at Pettitt Funeral Home, 1419 South Street, Murphysboro, with the Rev. Joe Daniels officiating. Burial was in DeSoto Cemetery, DeSoto.

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## Waldon R. Sherlock

WALDON R. SHERLOCK, 80, of Granite City died at 12:15 a.m. Thursday, July 31, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center following a brief illness. Born Nov. 9, 1916, in Tower, Colo., he was a resident of Granite City most his life.

Mr. Sherlock retired from Granite City Steel as a heater helper in January 1982 after 45 years of service. He was a member of Calvary Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Esther (Wise) Sherlock, whom he married May 18, 1957, in Granite City; one son, Tim Sherlock of Granite City; one brother, Ernest Sherlock of Baldwin, Kan.; and one grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Gladys Sherlock; one brother, Roy Sherlock; and one sister, Mary Davis.

Services were Monday, Aug. 4, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Maynard officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery.

**Judy Means**  
JUDY A. (SHEMONIA) MEANS, 49, of Granite City died Sunday, July 27, 1997, in O'Fallon. She was born April 18, 1948, in East St. Louis.

She was a member of Calvary Pentecostal Church of O'Fallon and served as the Sunday School Superintendent.

Mrs. Means was preceded in death by her husband, Terry Means Sr.; and her mother, Bonnie (Clement) Shemia.

Survivors include three children, Terry Jr. and Jeffrey, both of Granite City, and Shana Petrokovich of Bethalto; four grandchildren; her father, Roy Shemia of Granite City; two sisters, Joyce Munoz of O'Fallon and Lessa Shemia of Granite City; and one brother, Roy Shemia of Granite City.

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Memorials may be made to Calvary Pentecostal Church in O'Fallon.

**Helen Kelly-Rozkiewicz**  
HELEN N. (BURNS) KELLY-ROZKIEWICZ, 88, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1997, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City where she had been a resident for the past eight years. She was born Aug. 19, 1908, in Venice.

Mrs. Kelly-Rozkiewicz was a homemaker and of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Rozkiewicz; one son, Patrick Kelly of St. Vernon, Wash.; one sister, Mary Blackshear of Granite City; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Elmer Kelly; two sons, John and David Kelly; her parents, Robert and Amelia (Labuay) Burns; and three brothers, Tim, Bud and Roy Burns.

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## ORGANIZATIONS

### Eagles Auxiliary

The second July meeting of the Eagles Auxiliary was opened by President Mildred Boy.

Roll call was taken with all officer present. Auxiliary Mother Hilda McElton was absent due to illness.

One new applicant was read on the floor and balloted favorably on. She will be initiated at the first August meeting.

A thank-you letter from past president Ruth Jorgensen was read thanking the members for their friendship at the state convention. An invitation was read from Aurora 1506 inviting all members to the state conference in Aurora on Sept. 12-13.

Visiting chairman Helen Mihu sent a sympathy card to Vickie Walker and a get well card to Tina Culwright. Susan Allen will be the hostess for the month of August.

The by-laws committee will be meeting soon. Those having any new ideas to be included should send them to the committee.

Susan Allen and Barbara Ramsey will be working together for their charities. Susan for Cancer and Barbara for Heart. They will be having a rummage sale at the Eagles Aug. 16.

There was no jackpot winner as Sandy Hunter was not present. Good of the auxiliary was won by Patricia Hagnauer and Susan Allen. The meeting was adjourned and Barbara Ramsey served refreshments.

### Butterfly Card Club

The Butterfly Card Club recently held two meetings. The June meeting was members meeting for lunch at Glenwood Manor in Glen Carbon and then gathering at the home of Hazel Rollins.

The birthday of Harriet Holt was celebrated and the honoree was presented a monetary gift.

The July meeting was at the home of Catherine Hommert after having lunch at the Fox Creek Golf Club in Edwardsville.

After dessert was served, the afternoon was spent playing pinocchio. Each player was awarded a prize. Others attending besides the before-mentioned were Irene Wiley, Nell Talley, Edith Ryan, Juanita Rosenberg and Lorraine McIlroy. Guests attending were Irma Blatner and Virginia Hoff of California. Talley will host the August meeting.

### TRIO Home Extension Club

Five members of TRIO Home Extension Club went on the Aug. 2 tour to Fulton and Herman, Mo.

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They had a guided tour of Fulton's lovely restored homes and buildings, Westminster College and William Wood University, and viewed a short movie of the Memorial and library. They also viewed a part of the original Berlin Wall outside the Memorial.

The church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, is part of the Winston Churchill Memorial. The church, dating from the 12th century, was redesigned in 1677 after the Great Fire of London. The structure was rebuilt on the carious as a permanent reminder of Churchill's visit to the college and his prophetic speech.

Herman was the last stop. Members had a guided tour of the lovely restored buildings of Herman and a tour of Stonehill Winery.

The members attending the tour were Roberta Cottrell, Glennia Eaton, Betty Eberston, Lucille Etheridge and Helen Todoroff.

### Seniors Unlimited

Seniors Unlimited of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church held their July meeting in Wesley Hall. Marguerite Kennedy gave a devotion entitled "Holy Humor." She also led the group in praying the Lord's Prayer before a delicious lunch of sub sandwiches. All had the opportunity to make their own ice cream sundaes for dessert.

The Rev. Dennis Price of Troy United Methodist Church entertained the group by playing the guitar and singing several songs.

Georgina McMillan spoke about the trip the group is taking to the Wisconsin Delta in August.

There were 77 in attendance.

### AMVETS Auxiliary

A regular meeting of AMVETS Auxiliary 51 was recently held at the Post Home. President Mary Miller presided. The prayer was read by Chaplain Lynn Doolittle and the Pledge of Allegiance was read by Sergeant-at-Arms Bonnie Liebold. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Shirley Schenck.

Reports were given by the following officers: 1st Vice President Betty Wilkins on membership; 2nd Vice President Jackie Rainwater on child welfare; 3rd Vice President Sharon Tackett on community service; Alberta Manninger on Americanism/SOS; and Hospital Chairman Mary Miller.

During new business donations were made to the following charities: \$200 to John Tracy Clinic; \$200 to Paws With a Cause; \$100 to War Child Scholarship Fund; \$200 to Dreams Unlimited. In other new business it was voted to join the AMVETS and purchase a much-needed wheelchair for a senior citizen.

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Amanda Scarsdale of Granite City won the Disabled American Veterans "What a Flag Means to Me" essay contest, judged at the state convention, held in Mount Vernon. Above, Amanda accepts a plaque, a \$100 U.S. savings bond and an American flag from Cmdr. Nancy Colby of DVA Auxiliary 53. The contest was a state junior activity project of the State Auxiliary. An eighth-grade student at Coolidge Middle School, Amanda is the daughter of Frank and Tina Scarsdale of Granite City.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

### Madison

**TRUE FELLOWSHIP M.B.** The Rev. L.D. Tate, pastor at First Fellowship M.B. Church, will be presenting the Chancel Choir in its 5th Annual Concert at 7 p.m. Aug. 17 at the church, 1641 3rd St.

This year's theme is "It's Time to Praise the Lord" and will be centered around top spiritual musical selections of today. The event features the Chancel Choir, the Chancel Band, the Rev. Rodericus Little, percussionist; and the Rev. Anthony, director/musicalian.

Everyone is invited to come in and share in the musical extravaganza. For more information, call 871-TRUE.

### Pontoon Beach

**CHURCH OF CHRIST (CHRISTIAN):** The Pontoon Beach Church of Christ (Christian), 4039 Pontoon Road in Pontoon Beach, is holding its annual

Vacation Bible School, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 16-22.

The theme this year is "Promise Builders for Jesus." Classes are for kindergarten thru 8th grade. Come and join us for Bible stories, music, crafts and snacks.

### Granite City

**NAMEOKI UNITED METHODIST:** Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road, encourages students who do not currently have an active youth program or do not have a church at all, to participate in "Generation Jesus." It is a growing and active youth ministry that develops small group ministry and holds regular, monthly activities, rallies and retreats.

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23 Paron Dresser, chair, bed, refrigerator, washer, dryer, misc.	38 Watley Computer table, coat rack, baby crib, misc.
32 Schaeff Vacuum, cleaner, coffee table, lamp, coolers, softball box, doll house, misc.	21 Heavilon Child's bed, fish tank, chairs, toys, child desk, misc.
16 Humphrey Cabinets, table, dressers, beds, chairs, boxes, misc.	22 Smith Headboard, dresser chairs, bed rails, washer, misc.

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## Park district offers Midwest tour

### TOURS

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a trip to the Mall of America and other attractions in Bloomington, Minn., on Sept. 23-26.

The mega-mall, containing 5.6 million square feet and covering 78 acres, is the largest fully enclosed retail/entertainment complex in the United States. There are four major anchor stores with over 400 specialty stores surrounding Knott's Camp Snoopy, a 7-acre indoor theme park with rides and attractions.

There are over 50 eating establishments, including the famous Rainforest Cafe, Mrs. Knott's Restaurant, Planet Hollywood and Twin City Grill. A newer attraction is the Underwater World, a 1.2 million gallon aquarium with its one-of-a-kind walk through journey of Minnesota Lakes, Mississippi River, Gulf of Mexico and barrier reefs — all while gliding on a moving walkway.

Before the formal greeting at the mall where the layout and attractions will be explained, each person will receive a designer shopping bag, coupon savings book, map and directory. Early in the day, the group will enjoy a three-hour tour of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The local guide will explain the highlights of the cities that

**The mega-mall, containing 4.6 million square feet and covering 78 acres, is the largest fully enclosed retail/entertainment complex in the United States.**

include the famous St. Paul Cathedral, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, the State Capitol and Minnehaha Falls.

During the two evenings in the area, a shuttle service will be available to the Mystic Lake Casino for those interested. Many stops will be made on the way to and from Minnesota. The dinner stop on the first day will be at the Arrowhead Lodge Restaurant in Black River Falls, Wis.

On the return trip home lunch will be in Osseo, Wis., at the Norse Nook, rated the No. 1 cafe in the Midwest and the best desert restaurant in Wisconsin. The Scandinavian restaurant will be the first of two ethnic eating establishments that day.

Dinner will be at Bernstad's European Village, an elegant but relaxed cafe located

among a quaint collection of specialty clothing and gift shops with cobblestone walkways and European architecture.

Other interesting stops to be made in Wisconsin will be at a cranberry farm where freshly harvested cranberries may be purchased right from the barn, and at the Swiss Colony Cheese Outlet Store in Monroe, a favorite stop for park district travelers.

The tickets for the trip will go on sale at 8 a.m. at the Wilson Park Ice Rink on Thursday. The cost of the trip is \$357 for a single room, \$263 per person for a double, \$224 each for three to a room and \$212 each for four in a room. The cost includes motorcoach, three nights lodging at Fairfield and Country Inns, six meals and all tours and attractions. The trip cost has increased by \$4 from the original announcement.

The entire amount must be paid at the time of registration. One person can sign up for one room from one to four persons. Residents of the park district will have priority and proof of residence must be presented for each person unless husband and wife. Nonresidents in line will be placed on the waiting list immediately while those wishing to register by phone may do so after 12 noon on that day.

If more information is needed, call Sue Champion at her residence or the Wilson Park office.



BAC photo

## Helpful headgear

Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus Provost Harold Johnson, right, tries on a thermal imaging helmet at the Granite City Fire Department as firefighter Mike Richardson, left, explains how the helmet is used. The special helmet enables firefighters to see clearly through thick smoke. Looking on is GCC activities coordinator Diane Schwartz. Proceeds from a recent GCC event were donated to the GCFFD to help purchase the helmet.

## Landmark restaurants up for grabs

Block's Ice Cream and Sandwich Drive-In, 3200 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, and the Village Inn, 2611 College Ave., Alton, are for sale.

Both restaurants, as well as another Block's drive-in at 1020 Filton Road in Alton are owned by Marthadell Block, whose father-in-law, Raymond

F. Block Sr., started the food chain in the early 1930s.

The first Block's restaurant opened on Third Street and later moved to the 600 block of East Broadway. Another one opened on Central Avenue in the late 1950s, but Block said it has been gone "for a long time."

The Milton Road drive-in began serving cold sundaes and hot food around 1950, followed by the Godfrey facility in 1955. Most of the early Block enterprises at first served only ice cream, some of which was handmade on the premises. Sandwiches and side dishes were added later.

Marthadell Block said, "In the '50s, we'd have traffic jams all the way down to Brown Street with people looking to see who was there, but that died out in the '60s."

The Milton restaurant is not for sale.

"I'm hanging on to it in case some of my grandchildren want to stay in the family business," said Block, who lives part of each year at the Naples, Fla., home that she and Ray purchased just months before his death. "It's a much easier restaurant to manage because the menu is so small."

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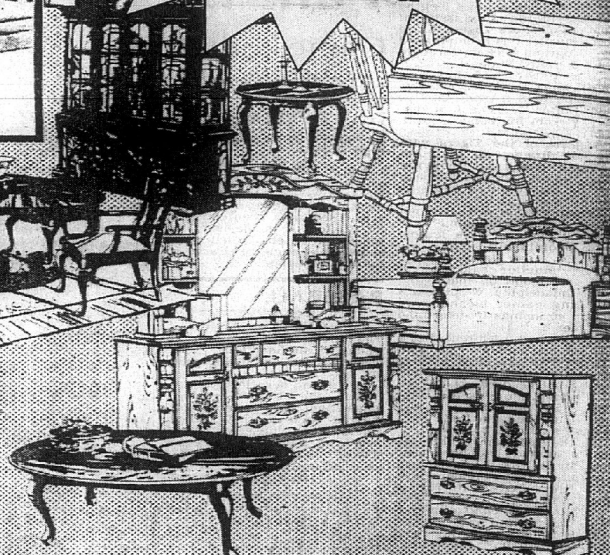
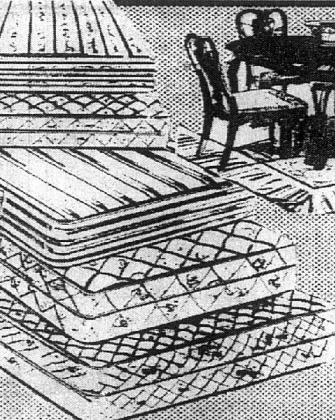
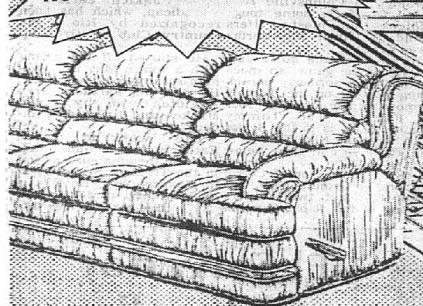
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Sunday, Aug. 10, 1997



Art Voellinger

## Tigers pay tribute to Les Mueller

Fittingly, the Detroit Tigers retired jersey No. 16 on July 27 in tribute to lefthanded pitcher Hal Newhouser, who in 1945 became the only player in major league baseball history to win back-to-back Most Valuable Player awards.

Of no surprise, though, during the weekend ceremonies recognizing Newhouser, the name of Les Mueller drew additional memories of the '45 season when the Tigers won the World Series over the Chicago Cubs.

You see, on July 21, 1945, Mueller entered the record books when he pitched 19 1/3 innings as the Tigers starter against Philadelphia in a game that ended in a 1-1 tie after 24 innings. It remains the longest-played tied game in the history of the American League.

Prior to attending the events recognizing Newhouser, Mueller was the subject of a lengthy feature in the July issue of Sports Collectors Digest. Since then, Mueller has been plagued by autograph seekers throughout the United States.

"We never had baseball cards when I played, but I've had a photo of myself that I've signed often," Les said the other day from his home in Mill-stadt.

A guest of the Tigers with his son Roger, an assistant baseball coach at Belleville West High School, Mueller said he was asked often while in Detroit about the long game.

"What a lot of people do not know is that the game was capped because of a league rule prohibiting using the lights at a day game in those days," Mueller said. "And, when we made up that game with Philadelphia, we played a 16-inning game, meaning we played 48 innings to determine a winner."

Mueller had a 6-8 record and 3.68 earned run average and pitched two scoreless innings of relief in the '45 World Series, but he does not consider the long game as the main reason for the arm problems that shortened the tall right-hander's career.

"In the early part of the 1946 season after I had been sent down by Detroit, I pitched two complete games in four days for (Class AAA) Buffalo," Mueller said.

"After the second game, I came up with a really sore arm. I couldn't raise my arm to comb my hair."

Introduced to a crowd of over 20,000 fans by Newhouser as one of seven players remaining from the '45 Tigers, Mueller drew praise from the only Detroit-born player elected to the Hall of Fame.

"Les Mueller is one of the nicest people I had the chance to meet in pro ball," said Newhouser, who had teamed with the Belleville native in Beaumont, Texas, before and after Mueller completed a three-year Army stint during World War II.

"I never knew why they didn't keep him on the team in 1946," Newhouser was quoted as saying.

Obviously, Newhouser recalled the opening game of the season when Mueller was sent to the minor leagues.

In Mueller's words: "The opening day game in Detroit was just about to start. They hadn't played the national anthem yet, and I was in the (See ART, Page 3B)



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)  
Pablo Ramazzini Garcia is congratulated by his teammates after a three-run homer in Thursday's game. The Guatemalan team was playing El Salvador in the Pan American Baseball Championships at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.

## Host families see to Pan Am Games' success

### Games bring international flavor to area

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Chuck and Joyce Alexander of Granite City have been living in two worlds during the month of August. As Americans, they have been cheering for Guatemala in the 1997 Pan American Baseball Championships at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.

### BASEBALL

The reason is a simple one. The Alexanders, along with Chuck's mother Betty, are hosting four Guatemalan players.

"We came here last year to watch the Pan American games and people were passing out surveys which asked among other things, if anyone would be interested in home-saying, that is, housing kids from other countries," Joyce (See GAMES, Page 3B)



Guatemala pitcher Sergio Ortiz Moguel fires to the plate against El Salvador.

## Geography program rings familiar with new coach

By Shawn Fusco  
Staff writer

St. Louis University men's soccer coach Bob Warming is quite familiar with Sporting Geography.

As the former head coach at Creighton University, Warming and his team visited St. Louis for a game against the Billikens last season and the crowd was packed full of children. Prior to the game Warming approached then-SLU coach Joe Clarke and asked what the promotion was that put so many youngsters in the seats. Clarke promptly replied that it was Sporting Geography night.

"There were a gazillion kids in the stands up there, and the kids were having a blast," Warming said.

The Creighton soccer team was involved in the Omaha, Neb., community trying to stir children's interest in soccer

and in the Creighton team. So before leaving Creighton, Warming recommended that the school enroll in the Sporting Geography program.

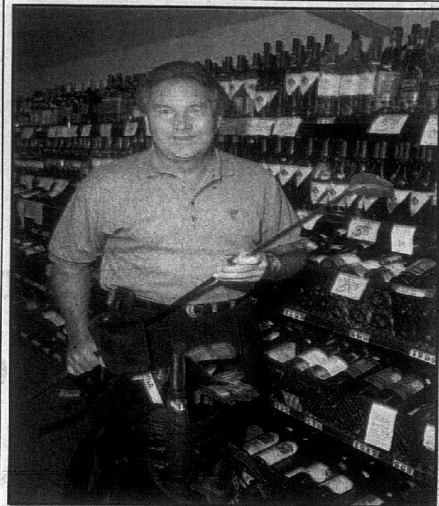
The program highlights the region the Billikens are visiting or the region their opponent is from. It teaches students specifics about geography. They learn to measure distance from St. Louis to the designated place, its longitude and latitude, its time zone, the physical qualities of the region and the history of the region.

One bonus of the program is that students receive a free ticket to a game for each of the four teams that they follow through Sporting Geography.

Another bonus of the program is that it is free for teachers. To receive the kit for use in the classroom, teachers need only to fill out the accompanying coupon and mail it in.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)  
Guatemala's Alvaro Soles Hermes steps up to hit against El Salvador.



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)  
Nick Jakich of Collinsville won the amateur division of the Tri-State Senior Open this summer.

## Steady drive

### Tourney win keeps golfer shooting for senior tour

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

### GOLF

Golf was supposed to be a Orlando, Fla., where he has way for Nick Jakich to have had a second and third-place fun in his spare time, but the finish in the amateur division last couple of years it's been slow. In order to play on that anything but fun, it's been a small tour, a golfer must blast.

Jakich, a Collinsville resident, has at least a 2-handicap to dent, now faces some tough I-handicap, which has been choices that most golfers recognized by Rio Pinar would give their Big Bertha Country Club in Orlando, away to have.

He has become quite successful at the game, so much with a win in May in a two so that he is seriously considered man scramble at Belk Park, ering playing on the Tommy He and his partner Terry Armour Senior Division Tour Angleton won by seven in Florida. The Tommy strokes and finished 21-un- Armour Tour is to the Senior der-par.

PGA what the Nike Tour is to the weekend after the PGA — one step below Father's Day in June, Jak-the big show.

Jakich, the owner of Corral in the Tri-State Senior Open Liquors in Granite City, has in Paducah, Ky. He shot a spent the last two winters two-day total of 139 to win playing in the 40-plus tour in (See JAKICH, Page 3B)

## El Salvador spoils rally by Guatemala

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

There was a Granite City connection in Thursday's Pan American Games baseball contest between Guatemala and El Salvador at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.

Four Guatemalan players, ages 13 and 14, are being housed by Granite City residents.

Third baseman Gerardo Dacaret, Martinoli and pitcher/first baseman Sergio Ortiz Mogue are the guests of Chuck and Joyce Alexander, who are housing second baseman Alvaro Soles Hermes and center fielder Pablo Ramazzini Garcia.

Guatemala entered the contest with a record of 9-4. El Salvador stood at 0-5. The loser stood a good chance of meeting Team USA in the playoff round on Saturday. The tournament continues through today.

(See GUATEMALA, Page 3B)

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Aug. 4			T's Bar & Grill			
Men's 1A			M.H.C.W.A.			
Lenny's Tavern	10-1	Eagles	Jr. Poole 25+	10-0	Little People Day Care	3-6
Shipley Chiropractic	8-4	Bindy's	Sports Tap	7-3	Cheers	0-10
American Colloid	8-4	Elks	6-4		Scores	
Y.T.'s	6-5	M.H.C.	2-8		Big Ed's Victory Tavern 17, Cheers 0	
Tower Automotive	6-5	Village Inn	1-9		Jacobsmeyers 19, Ernie & Annie's 8	
Bottom Line Auto Sales	6-6	Scores			Smokey Joe's 17, T's Bar & Grill 13	
Hentice Steel	5-7	Eagles 18, M.H.C. 12			Palovick State Farm 11, Little People Day Care 9	
Madison Metal Service	3-8	Bindy's 13, Elks 9			Norm Grote Church	
Ken's Lounge	1-11	Sports Tap 14, Village Inn 10			St. John	9-0
Scores			Sonny Antoft 60+	<td>Suburban Baptist</td> <td>9-0</td>	Suburban Baptist	9-0
Hancock Steel 12, Madison Metal 9			MCI	10-5	Calvary Baptist (Edw)	8-2
American Colloid 12, Tower Automotive 6			Hoch & Sixteen	5-6	Word Of Life	7-3
Shipley Chiropractic 13, Y.T.'s 10			Imo's Pizza	1-9	First Assembly of God	5-4
Men's 3A			Dairy Queen	4-6	Calvary Baptist (GC)	5-5
Matt's Muffler	9-2	M.C.I. 14, Imo's Pizza 10	Scores		Nomeki United Methodist	4-5
Suburban Baptist	7-3	Hoch & Sixteen's 20, Dairy Queen 5			Grace Baptist	3-6
Outlaws	6-4	Women's 1A			Full Gospel Fellowship	2-8
Hooks	6-5	Sandy's Dye Harids	9-1		Harvest Assembly	2-8
G.C. Sox	5-6	Hoch & Sixteen	7-2		Four Square Church	1-8
G.I. Productions	4-6	Buenger Accounting	5-6		First Presbyterian	2-8
Dilligaf's	4-7	Perfection Home Improvement	5-6		Scores	
Motl Law Office	4-7	G.C. Park District	0-11		Word Of Life 23, Full Gospel Fellowship 11	
Hinds/County Co.	3-8	Senior Wildcats	0-11		United Methodist 40, Four Square Church 11	
Scores			Sandy's Dye Harids 16, Senior Wildcats 0		Calvary Baptist (Edw) 7, First Assembly 9	
Dilligaf's 10, G.C. Sox 10			Hoch & Sixteen's 25, G.C. Park District 5		St. John U.C.C. 22, Harvest Assembly 9	
Matt's Muffler 20, Bindy's/County Co. 16			Precision Home Improvement 21, Buenger Accounting 11		Suburban Baptist 20, First Presbyterian 0	
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Men's 4A			American Auto	10-2	Grace Baptist (Edw) 13, Word Of Life 12	
K of C Lounge	8-3	Shirts-n-Stuff	9-3		Nomeki United Methodist 26, Harvest Assembly 21	
Ziggy's Outback	10-4	Thomas Mortuary	4-8		Good News	
K of C	6-5	Buzz's	1-11		First Presbyterian 10, Johnson Road Baptist 9	
Jim's Pawn & Jewelry	6-5	Shirts-n-Stuff 23, Buzz's 4			Harvest Assembly 7, Freebirds 4	
Kramden's	4-7	American Auto 29, Thomas Mortuary 7			Scores	
Ernie & Annie's II	4-7	Thomas Mortuary 7, Shirts-n-Stuff 0			Ingleisle	8-1
Ernie & Annie's I	7-4	Women's 3A			Jacobsmeyers	8-2
Jacobsmeyers/Bud Lite	3-8	Diamond Gals	8-1		Sony Past Auto Body	6-3
Jacobsmeyers/Bud Lite 16, Ziggy's Outback 13		Jacobsmeyers II	7-3		Shenigans	6-4
Ernie & Annie's II 8, Jim's Pawn & Jewelry 5		Schooley Law Office	4-5		Sitting Ducks	2-7
Kramden's 24, K of C 19		Jacobsmeyers I	4-5		Family Circus	1-8
Men's 5A			Jacobsmeyers II	4-5	Scores	
Bindy's/Bud Lite	10-1	Jacobsmeyers III	4-5		Big Ed's Victory Tavern 14, G.C. Moose 7	
Budmen	7-4	Sullivan's Save-A-Lot	3-7		Smokey Joe's	7-3
Electric Mud Puppies	6-4	Jacobsmeyers I	4-5		Jacobsmeyers	7-4
Kramden's	5-6	Jacobsmeyers II	4-5		Dan Palovick State Farm	6-5
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Ingleisle	1-10	Schooley Law Office 12, No Clue 2				
Scores			Jacobsmeyers III 12, Jacobsmeyers III 7			
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			Jacobsmeyers	7-4	Family Circus 27, Bindy's 10	
			Dan Palovick State Farm	6-5	Shenigans 13, Family Circus 8	



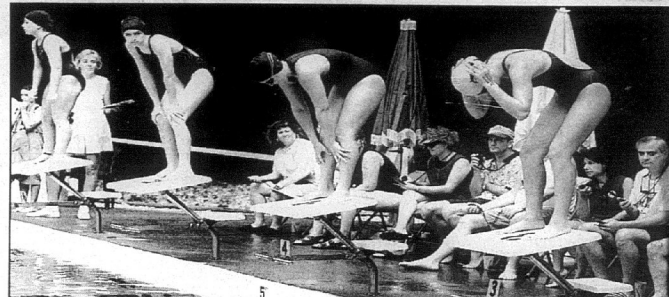
Tri-City's Elliot Dine takes a swing during the District 22 Junior Legion All-Star Game.

## BASEBALL

Granite City Park District			Mike Hahne Towing 19, Business Equipment 4Blue Jays 13, Swift A's 0		
Aug. 4			Cobras 8, Pizza Chef 6		
Men's 1A			Patterson Tire 12, Splaingard Sharks 0		
Eagles	9-1	Grand Slammers 52, White Sox 0			
AFSCME A's	9-2	Cobras 8, Pizza Chef 6			
Raptors	5-6	Patterson Tire 12, Splaingard Sharks 0			
Shirts-n-Stuff	3-8	Patterson Tire 4, Moose Jaguars 1			
Panthers	1-10	Scores			
Scores			I.O.O.F. Hornets	11-1	
AFSCME A's 20, Raptors 12			Eagles	8-4	
Shirts-n-Stuff 15, Panthers 4			Matt's Muffler Gamblers	5-7	
AFSCME 18, Shirts-n-Stuff 15			O'Brien Tire Colls.	5-7	
Atom II			Weber Cycles Cobras	1-11	
Cardinals	10-1	Cobras 12, Gamblers 3			
Martians	7-4	I.O.O.F. 10, Eagles 8			
Elks	6-5	Scores			
Jason's Ice Cream	6-5	D.Q. Menaces	12-0		
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Martians 27, Bobcats 17			VFV Post 1300, Little Angels	8-3	
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Bantam I			D.Q. Menaces 20, Hot Shots 4		
Patterson Tire Tigers	10-0	VFV 1300 15, Elks 5			
Legal Eagles	10-1	Bobcats 14, Valvoline Hot Shots 3			
Moose Lodge Jaguars	5-6	Scores			
Splaingard Sharks	5-6	Blue Jays	9-1		
Dobras	5-6	Mike Hahne	9-1		
Pizza Chef	4-7	Swift A's	5-6		
Cobras	2-9	G.C. Moose 27	2-9		
White Sox	0-11	Business Equipment	1-9		
Scores			M.H.C. Red Hots	9-1	
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## GOLF

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Boys		Shane Moskopf		83	7. Justin Beaton	83	1. Jake Mauldin	36
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Paddlers swimmer Jamie Cassidy (middle) prepares to race Gaslight's Krista Waltermire (left) and Montclair's Lauren Krupp (right) during the SWISA swimming meet last week in Collinsville.



Paddlers swimmer Katie Ronk (left) competes against Lauren Krupp of Montclair in the 100-meter freestyle. Paddlers finished third as a team in the meet.

## FISHING REPORT

**LAKES**  
**Bull Shoals:** 88 degrees, 1' below power pool, clear, white bass fair to good; black bass fair early morning and late evening; bluegill good on natural bait; walleye fair on deep running lure; crappie and crappie poor, all other species slow. (East): 83 degrees, 1.7' below normal, clear, black bass fair on crayfish; catfish fair on cut bait using trotlines; all other species slow. (West): 83 degrees, 1.7' below normal, clear, black bass fair on minnows and worms around both ladders; crappie and bluegill fair on crickets; bass slow.  
**Clearwater:** 80 degrees, slightly above normal, clear, crappie fair on minnows and jigs in early a.m. and late p.m.; black bass fair on worms, jigs, and minnows in early a.m. and late p.m.; all other species slow.  
**Council Bluffs:** Normal, clear; bass fair early and late on crankbaits and plastic worms; sunfish fair on natural bait; catfish fair in late evening.  
**Duck Creek:** 80 degrees, normal, clear, vegetation 50%, bluegill excellent on crickets; bass good on Beetle Spine; channel catfish fair, goggle-eye poor.  
**Hunnsville:** 87 degrees, 1' low, murky, crappie fair on minnows; catfish fair on liver; all other species slow.  
**Lake Girardeau:** 88 degrees, high, murky, all species slow.  
**Lake of the Ozarks:** (Glazier) 88 degrees, 6.5' above sea level (60'), normal level, clear, white bass and catfish good; largemouth and bluegill fair on all other species slow. (Gravette) 88 degrees, 6.5' above sea level (60'), normal level, clear; bluegill good on crickets and minnows; catfish good on shad, nightcrawlers and goldfish; black bass fair around docks and brush on plastic worms and spinnerbaits; crappie slow to fair deep around beds on jigs and minnows; white bass slow to fair trolling spinners and white jigs. (Nanguan) 88 degrees, 6.5' above sea level (60'), normal level, fairly clear; black bass good on plastic worms and live bluegill deep; white bass good trolling with spinnerbaits or live shad fished deep; catfish excellent on live and prepared baits; sunfish excellent on red wigglers; crappie fair around brush and minnows on jigs tipped with minnow. (Osage) 88 degrees, 6.5' above sea level (60'), normal level, clear, white bass and catfish good; largemouth and bluegill fair on all other species slow. (Bagnell) 72 degrees, normal, dingy, all species slow.  
**Little Dixie:** 85 degrees, high, clear, catfish fair on goldfish and liver; bass fair on plastic worms and auger type baits; all other species slow.  
**Mark Twain:** 84 degrees, 2.5' low and falling, clear; crappie good on main lake around fallen timber in 12-15' depths; bluegill good on worms close to bank; flathead catfish fair on live bait and green sunfish; channel catfish fair on worms and cut bait; bass fair on rubber worms and lizards on main lake points; walleye fair on minnows.  
**Norfolk:** 83 degrees, 1.7' below normal, clear, black bass fair on crayfish; catfish fair on cut bait using trotlines; all other species slow.  
**Table Rock:** 86 degrees, clear, normal pool; bluegill good at 2-3' depths around docks and shorelines using worms and crickets; crappie fair at 8-15' depths around stumps and docks using minnows and jigs; catfish fair using cut shad on trotlines and minnows; black bass fair early and late using topwater lures and Carolina rigs; white bass fair trolling flats early and late.  
**Stockton:** 89 degrees, clear, slightly below normal pool; bluegill excellent using a variety of baits; catfish fair using natural baits; walleye fair drifting with natural baits; all other species slow.  
**Wappapetoe:** 88 degrees, 2.5' low, clear; black bass fair on jigs, grubs and spoons and on topwater lures; sunfish fair using minnows and topwater lures; white bass fair to good; white bass fair on jugs and minnows; sunfish good on live bait.  
**Wappapetoe:** 88 degrees on upper lake, 60 degrees mid-lake, 83 degrees on lower lake; cloudy in some areas due to rain; fishermen report catches fair using powerbait, worms, wax worms and hybrid jugs, and trolling w/Cloas.  
**Truman:** 85 degrees, normal; spot, catfish good on min lake on trotlines and jugs; sunfish using shad and goldfish; white bass and hybrids good at points using spoons and Sassy Shad; crappie good at 8-10' depths around treadlines off main channels using minnows; black bass fair using plastic worms and topwater lures early a.m. all other species slow; all fishing bait early a.m. and late p.m. (Tall Water) 78 degrees, 2' low, catfish fair using live bait; all other species slow.  
**Wappapetoe:** Lake level 359.7', tail-water 320.45', discharge 180 cfs; bass fair on spinner baits; bluegill good on crickets along rocky banks; catfish fair on minnows and jigs along river channels; catfish good on trotlines using live bait. NOTE: On the waters of Wappapetoe Lake and its tributaries, all walleye and sauger must be returned to the water unharmed after the fishing season. Anglers are encouraged to harvest bass under 11" (daily limit 8) to reduce the numbers of small bass in Wappapetoe Lake.

Several members of Granite City's Gerardo I. Kuntz, Esq., Solicitor General.

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Several members of the Guatemala baseball team stayed with Chuck and Joyce Alexander of Granite City. Pictured front row from left are Sergio Ortiz Moguel, Alvaro Soler Hermes, Gerardo Dacaret Martinoli, Pablo Ramazzini Garcia; (back row) Chuck Alexander, Alan Kuntz, Estuardo Dacaret, Arlene Haldeman, Chiqui Dacaret, Joyce Alexander and Ingrid Soler Hermes.

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dugout. Somebody came in and said, 'Let, they want to see you in the office.'

"So I go up there, and George Trautman, who was the general manager at the time, said, 'We're going to send you to Buffalo.'

"I like to tell over... It was a shocker."

Equally shocking was that no other major league team sought Mueller, who had a record of 26-25 the next three seasons in Class AAA.

"I've often wondered what would have happened if I could have pitched in 1946 (with another team)," Mueller said. Meanwhile, sports collectors and trivia buffs are most aware of Mueller, whose first major league victory was a two-hit, 2-0 nod over the New York Yankees, whose first major league hit was a home run and whose last major league decision was a 2-0 loss to the one-hit pitching of Cleveland's Bob Feller.

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## • Games

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Alexander said. "We marked that we would be interested. Then, earlier this year, the Parks Department contacted us and asked if we were still interested in home-staying. We said 'yes' and here we are."

With teams representing El Salvador, Brazil, Honduras, Mexico, Ecuador, Venezuela and Guatemala, chances were rather high that the Alexanders would get Spanish speaking young people. So, they learned as much of the language as they could, discovering about a week before the games that it had all paid off. They would be housing boys from Guatemala.

"The boys are wonderful," Joyce Alexander said. "They are so polite and courteous. They put a lot of our American boys to shame. They really like to play Nintendo, and to work at the computer."

The boys staying with the Alexanders are among the more fortunate. They each have at least one parent who traveled to America with them. Some boys' families could not afford to make the trip. While the boys are housed by host families in the Metro East, the parents who came with them stay at the Ramada Inn at Fairview Heights.

As a host family, the Alexanders are responsible for housing, feeding and transporting the boys given to their charge. Serving as sightseeing guides is also part of the equation.

"We had the four boys and their families over for a barbecue last Sunday, and we plan on doing it one more time before they all leave," Joyce Alexander said. "Everyone had a fantastic time. On Tuesday, we went to Six Flags. In fact, all eight teams (were) guests of the Cardinals on Friday night."

The experience has been all positive for the Alexanders, who are ready to do it all again. "I've never had a better experience," Joyce Alexander said. "I took a vacation to do this, and this is the best vacation I've ever had. We've had such a great time with these boys, and with their families. They even brought gifts to us — beautiful gifts — from their country."

"We've even asked one or two of them to come back next year, just to visit," Chuck Alexander added. "Mom and dad said, 'Sure, no problem, so we're trying to work something out.'"

"We'd do it again," Joyce said. "You bet we would."

## Pan Am teams relish tourney

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Ingrid Soler Hermes watched anxiously from the stands at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights on Thursday as her son, Alvaro, sat the bench in Guatemala's 10-4 loss to El Salvador in the Pan American Baseball Championships.

"We tried to win," she said succinctly.

They did not. Guatemala fell to 0-5 in competition. But it did not alter the pleasure Ingrid has derived from the entire Pan Am games experience.

"I love this," she said. "I love the baseball. All of it is a wonderful experience. This is extremely fun for all the players and for all the parents."

"This has been a very good experience," said Pedro Ortiz Moguel whose son, Sergio, pitched to one batter in a relief appearance on Thursday.

"This area (of the country) is beautiful. The people, the families, are wonderful."

Estuardo and Chiqui Dacaret, whose son Gerardo went two for four on Thursday and turned in a stellar defensive performance at third base, were also thrilled by the overall experience.

"Our son has been here before. He played for the 11-12 year-old team two years ago," Chiqui said. "We are having a very good time."

Each of the 18 Guatemalan players, as well as the coaches, were responsible to raise their own money to make the trip to America. But, there were numerous young people whose parents could not afford such an experience. That's when the mayor of Guatemala City stepped in. "The mayor made up the difference personally so everyone could go," Ingrid said.

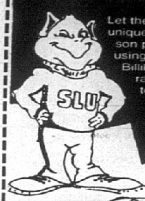
Pablo Ramazzini Garcia hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the fifth inning to pull Guatemala to within 5-4, but those were the last runs the team would score.

"I didn't like to lose, but I like being able to play here," he said. "But, it's hot. It's much cooler at home. But I love this and I love being here."

Gerardo was also in America for the Championships two years ago.

"This is a lot of fun," he said. "But, it's hot. It's much cooler at home. But I love this and I love being here."

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## • Guatemala

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Four Guatemala errors led to four El Salvador runs in the top of the first inning. The margin moved to 5-0 after 2½ innings.

In the top of the third, with two on, two out, and one run already across the plate, Dacaret Martinoli backhanded a hard smash down the third base line and stepped on the bag, making a tough play look easy, and ending both the El Salvador threat and the top of the third.

Dacaret Martinoli walked to load the bases with one out in the bottom of the third. The next batter blooped a single to left center, scoring the runner from third and giving Guatemala its first run of the game.

Ramazzini Garcia, who had made the catch of the game in the top of the second when he raced to his left and speared a hard liner headed for the gap in right-center, made another great catch in the top of the fifth. He showed great speed and coordination in chasing down a long fly and nabbing it right in front of the wall in dead-center field.

Ramazzini Garcia then came up big in the bottom of the fifth, lashing a 1-2 fastball over the right field fence, scoring two runners ahead of him and

cutting El Salvador's advantage to 4-1.

But an El Salvador home run on the second pitch of the sixth inning ignited a five-run rally that put the contest out of reach. Guatemala fell 10-4.

It was an admirable performance by a team from a country where, unlike many Latin American nations, baseball is not a big sport.

"It was a little sport in Guatemala," said Ingrid Soler Hermes, the mother of Alvaro, who played his second base. "It's just too expensive in Guatemala to play baseball. One ball costs about \$6. Everybody likes to see the baseball game, but nobody likes to pay for it."

But, it is not just economics, but geography as well, that makes the sport a tough sell in the 45,000-square mile Central American country bordering Mexico. Guatemala City, with a population of 2 million, has only two baseball diamonds. "The Guatemalan team was able to practice on one diamond, for one hour twice a week, though many players had to travel 45 minutes to an hour across the city just to reach the field."

Still, the Guatemalans played their hearts out on Thursday, and still had a chance on Friday against Brazil to pick up their first win.

## • Jakich

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the first senior event he entered after turning 50 in February.

"The first day on the back nine I broke the old course record which was 31:10," Jakich said. "It was the old tournament course record."

"I was hitting good drives, hitting the greens and making putts. I just had it in the zone. The golf course had very small greens, so instead of 45 minutes at every green I was basically shooting for the middle of the greens and then I was making putts."

Jakich finished the first day with a 69 and knew he had a shot to win the amateur division. He was also in contention to win the overall title. He was one shot off the lead.

On the second day, Jakich shot a 38 on the front nine and faced the difficult back nine, where he shot the course record of 31.

"When I made the turn, they told me I was just a shot behind," Jakich said. "I knew I had to play really well on the back nine and I ended up shooting 4-under on the back for a 32. The back just played into my game."

Jakich's two-day total of 69-70 (139) not only won the amateur division, he also won the overall title by defeating a professional golfer by one stroke.

Jakich's rise to a 1-handicap has come rather quickly. He and his wife, Mosey Hoffmeister, used to play tennis for fun and exercise before he decided to take up golf.

He and his wife started playing golf about 13 years ago. However, he didn't get the habit to start playing seriously until six years ago, when he hooked up with John Honchak of Edwardsville.

Honchak helped Jakich's game so much that the Tommy Armour Tour in Florida looks more and more appealing at the time.

"You get invited to play in a lot of tournaments when you win one like this," Jakich said. "You get a little recognition and I guess people think you can play pretty good."

He said he plans to go to Florida again this winter to play in the 40-plus or Tommy Armour Tour.

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## Fun at the park

At left, Cole McAmish, 3, of Granite City, takes a plunge down a slide at the Wilson Park main playground. Above, Jenae (left) and Hester Badgett, both 12, enjoy swinging at the playground. Cool August temperatures recently helped the children enjoy the outdoors.

## Musicians will bring home the blues

By Mary Shapiro  
Staff writer

The patriarch of blues music in St. Louis soon will be in the stage spotlight again. Henry Townsend, 89, a long-time blues performer, will be honored at the sixth annual St. Louis Blues Heritage Festival, Aug. 15 through 17 at Budar Park, off Highway 141 just north of Interstate 44. More than 55 national and regional acts — including Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame member Jerry Lee Lewis, former Drifter Ben E. King, swamp boogie queen Katie Webster and the "Duke of Earl" Gene Chandler — will perform on five outdoor stages at the 78-acre park. The festival will run from 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, and noon to 11:15 p.m. Aug. 17. Lewis and Chandler will perform Aug. 17, while Webster and Townsend will take the stage Aug. 15. The festival will also pay special tribute Aug. 16 to the "sisters of soul," some of the

greatest female vocalists, including Sugar Pie DeSanto, Bettye LaVette, Mable John and Laura Lee.

This year's event is likely to attract the largest crowd in the festival's history, Burke said. He expects 55,000 to 60,000 people to attend over the three days.

Growth in attendance over the past few years — especially by people from other cities — created the need for true festival grounds for the event, Burke said.

"The festival was started as a nightclub event in 1991, with stages at both Kiener Plaza and multiple nightclubs," Burke said. "Then we held it on the steps of the Kiel Opera House in 1992."

"For the next four years in a row we were in Laclede's Landing, when we were small enough to be a street festival," he said. "But in 1995 and 1996, the festival really caught on and the event grew phenomenally. We went with bigger headline entertainers and needed more room."

Budar Park offers the most room for future growth and the best accessibility for the largest number of area residents, Burke said.

The festival is the third-largest annual blues music festival in the nation.

People should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. No pets or coolers will be allowed on festival grounds.

Parking will be free. Riverport Casino Center will provide free shuttle service between its Maryland Heights complex and Budar Park during the event.

About 100 volunteers are still needed to help out at the festival. Anyone interested in volunteering may call 644-1551. Volunteers each will receive an official volunteer T-shirt.

Advanced tickets cost \$12.50 per day or \$30 for a three-day pass. Tickets will cost \$15 per day during the festival. Children 12 and younger will be admitted free.

For advance ticket purchases, call MetroTix at 1-800-293-5949. For more information, call 644-1551.

## MILESTONES

KELLY MARIE PADGETT celebrates her 17th birthday today, Aug. 10. CAROL POWDERLY celebrates her 30th birthday today, Aug. 10. JACOB "JAKE" PAPA celebrates his 9th birthday today, Aug. 10. ERIN RENE OSTRESH celebrates her 13th birthday today, Aug. 10.

MARY L. PARKER celebrates her 30th birthday today, Aug. 10. ROBERT STANTON celebrates her 81st birthday today, Aug. 10. BRIAN HAY celebrates his 9th birthday today, Aug. 10. CAROL ROBERTSON celebrates her birthday today, Aug. 10. KATLYN TOTAL will celebrate her 8th birthday Aug. 11.

NORMAN and GLORIA BENNETT will celebrate their 51st anniversary Aug. 11. ISSAC DUCKETT will celebrate his 22nd birthday Aug. 12. BOB and VERONICA VOEGELE will celebrate their 3rd anniversary Aug. 12. LYNN ELLEDGE will celebrate her birthday Aug. 13.

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## NEWS

## Refinancing tough decision

Everyone loves the thought of lower monthly mortgage payments. But before you refinance your mortgage, the Illinois CPA Society suggests that you take a careful look at how refinancing fits into your family's overall financial picture.

What works for your neighbor might not be the best financial strategy for you.

## Know Your Break-even Point

Homeowners who decide to refinance should be aware of the costs involved. When you refinance, you pay off an existing mortgage and take out a new one. Since, in effect, you are applying for a new mortgage, you're required to pay many of the same expenses associated with a new mortgage, including fees for application processing, a credit check, appraisal, title search and title insurance, attorneys fees, and other related closing costs. In most cases, you'll also pay points.

## Check With Your Current Lender

Before you start shopping around, it's a good idea to check with your current lender. Your lender might be willing to waive certain closing costs or agree to "modify" your current loan without a complete refinancing. But watch out for trade-offs: a mortgage with low up-front costs usually comes with a higher interest rate. The right alternative for you depends on your financial situation. If you're in it for the long term, you're probably better off going with the lower rate option.

## Consider After-tax Implications

On an after-tax basis, refinancing may not be a good deal as it appears on paper. Interest on a home mortgage is one of the few significant tax deductions left. When you refinance your mortgage, the lower interest rate translates into a smaller mortgage interest deduction. That means some of the money saved in lower monthly mortgage payments will be offset by the additional tax you may pay on higher your tax bracket, the more you have to gain from making larger interest payments, and the less you have to gain from reducing those payments. In addition, if you refinance your current mortgage for more than the existing balance, the deductibility of the interest on the excess amount depends on how you use the funds and the amount of the refinancing.

## Shorten Your Mortgage Term

When interest rates drop, refinancing can allow you to switch from a 30-year to a 15-year mortgage without a major increase in your monthly payment. Doing so is an excellent strategy for homeowners who want to pay off their mortgage before retirement or before the children's college tuition bills start rolling in. With a 15-year mortgage, you can save tens of thousands of dollars in interest and pay off your mortgage faster. Fifteen-year mortgages are especially beneficial to individuals who have already made a big dent in paying off the balance and don't want to be saddled with a 30-year loan.

## Phi Theta Kappa group makes own success

In the world of clubs and organizations, membership and success chase each other in a circle. Groups depend on new members for success. Yet, people are often unwilling to join organizations perceived as unsuccessful or inactive.

In previous years, the latter had been true from Alpha Kappa Rho, Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College.

However, the 1996-97 academic year proved to be the chapter's most successful year ever, in terms of member participation and awards earned at the state and national level.

The chapter raised enough money through fund-raisers to send its treasurer, Jessica Hanks of Cahokia, to Phi Theta Kappa's 1997 Honors Institute, which was held June 22-29 at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash.

Because of Alpha Kappa Rho's efforts in raising money for the Madison County AIDS Project, the chapter received a scholarship from Harold Washington College in Chicago. The gift will be used to pay for part of Hanks' trip.

"I think it will be a great experience," Hanks said.

The annual event draws PTK members from across the United States and around the world. The 1997-98 honors study topic is, "Family: Myth, Metaphor and Reality." A different study topic is chosen each year.

"This is the first year we've sent someone to the honors institute," said GCC Librarian Jan Zuke, faculty advisor for Alpha Kappa Rho. Zuke said institute participants examine the study topic through a



Surrounded by officers of Alpha Kappa Rho, Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, faculty adviser Jan Zuke, center, holds the certificate signifying the chapter's three-star level status. Officers are, from left, corresponding secretary Wendy Shevchik of Troy; treasurer Jessica Hanks of Cahokia; president Linda Barnes of Granite City; and vice president Sissy Bush of Madison.

series of seminars and lectures. This year's event will feature a debate on family values between Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Alton native Phyllis Schlafly, founder of The Eagle Forum.

Only July 31 in Champaign, Hanks will share her experiences of the honors institute when she is a guest speaker at the Illinois Mini-Honors Institute.

Another first for the Alpha Kappa Rho chapter was attending the international PTK convention in Dallas in late April.

"It was like a political con-

vention, with the balloons, the music, the big video screens," said chapter president Linda Barnes, who attended alone with Zuke, Hanks and chapter member Carrie Toth.

At the convention, Barnes was inducted into the Member's Hall of Honor and Zuke was inducted into the Advisor's Hall of Honor. Also, the entire chapter was honored for reaching the three-star level of program development.

At the three-star level, chapters "emphasize more comprehensive programs, improved communications and greater regional involvement," according to PTK guidelines.

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PTK chapter president

## BAC top degree producer

Belleville Area College, which is ranked 41st out of the nation's 100 top associate degree producers, handed out 1,243 degrees in the 1994-95 academic year according to a recent listing published in Community College Week.

There are about 1,500 community colleges in the United States.

Although BAC is the fifth-largest community college in the state outside of Chicago, the college also conferred more associate degrees in 1995 than all but one other Illinois community college: the College of Du Page, in the Chicago area.

"Students seem to be more aware than ever that sticking with school and getting a quality education is vital to career success," said BAC Interim President Larry Schmalenberger.

"As the need for skilled professionals in the work force increases, so will BAC's commitment to providing those skills."

BAC also ranked as a top degree producer in two other Community College Week program-specific listings: criminal justice and corrections, and mechanics and repairs.

The only Illinois college to be listed as one of the nation's 50 top degree producers in a criminal justice program, BAC conferred 77 degrees in 1995 to rank 15th.

The college also tied with four other schools for a 28th-place ranking under mechanics and repairs, conferring 55 degrees in related programs.

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## HOROSCOPE

Sunday, Aug. 10

Take it easy today while the sensitive moon travels through Scorpio. This moon position creates a difficult positioning with the sun in powerful, fiery Leo. Mercury and Venus in reserved and thoughtful Virgo can help you hold your tongue. Even constructive criticism will be taken harder during this time, so allow Virgo's discriminating influence to teach you about the power of silence.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 10)** A business deal you've been chasing finally rings a windfall at the end of October. Follow aggressive instincts in your love life now through September. You fall for a coy Scorpio or Libra. Work gives you an energy boost in November, and lots of money comes in. Fantastic months for taking financial chances are December and February. Good marriage months are January and

May.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your conviction lends a sense of security. Find something to believe in. A scenario involving a Taurus leads to a profitable meeting at a popular dining spot.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** An element of calm improves your productivity. You are freed from a love commitment that is not exactly ideal. Social knowledge is gained through a public article. The remedy for boredom is curiosity.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** Make specific requests — hints will only confuse you. Inquiries of a financial institution garner more money month-to-month. Challenge an employer or an acquaintance to a sport. A peculiar offer brings laughs tonight.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** You see a sweetie in a new light. Luck comes for collec-



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tors, art dealers and bargain shoppers. Your detailed observation is key to a friend's success in a program. You'll excel in different ways — not just financially.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You meet and surpass a love's or family member's hopes. Current events are key to making a career plan fall into place quickly. Be daring with

a quarrelsome individual. You deserve to be heard, too!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Compliments are well deserved, so take credit. A uniform moral view is the reason for your acceptance in a social circle. Seriously consider the suggestion of an Aries. Ambiguous words are easily deciphered.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your love's actions tell a different story than the one stated. Learn hip terminology. You set the theme for gatherings, so concentrate on the positive. Stamina is gained in athletics and mental games.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** Your home grows into a more stable atmosphere. A foreigner articulates your thoughts on important personal issues. Be more in tune to the needs of a friend.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Listen — the universe is telling you something about

your self-worth. Hasty romantic moves are not to your advantage. Participate in games this evening — a win is certain.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** A loved one's talent is highlighted due to your persistence. Your aptitude for mechanics and art earns you extra cash. Break a youngster of bad habits now. Original thinking makes you the leader.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Gradual progress toward a

physical goal is finally noted by people who matter to you. Kindness and excellent karma are your constant companions. Plan your entrance into a new social arena.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Your priority shifts, and major organizational attempts set you on the path to economic victory. Dig up old contacts to get artistic community projects off the ground. Romance blossoms out of a solid friendship.

## Watch it! They're out to get you

By Ronnie Roy Staff writer

Fluoride has been put in our water supply to weaken our will and make us easier for the government to control. NASA has equipped the space shuttle with a weapon that can cause earthquakes. The Vietnam War was started over a bet.

Welcome to the world of New York cabdriver Jerry Fletcher. Fletcher sees conspiracies everywhere, and spreads the word to all his fares, as well as the handful of subscribers to his newsletter, *Conspiracy Theory*.

Naturally, no one takes him seriously.

Unfortunately, he may be right.

"Conspiracy Theory" is an effective suspense-thriller with plenty of plot twists and turns, chases and explosions, and even a love story.

Mel Gibson plays Fletcher, a

man so paranoid he padlocks his refrigerator and the apartment is a rat's nest of files and old newspaper clippings, all rigged up to be destroyed in flame at the flip of a switch.

The only person he really trusts is Justice Department Attorney Alice Sutton (Julia Roberts). He frequently makes unannounced visits to her office to share his latest theories, and she tolerates him because he once rescued her from a mugging.

Things take an unexpected turn following one meeting, when Fletcher is kidnapped and taken to a secret location where he is tortured for information by a mysterious Dr. Jonas (Patrick Stewart).

It may be that one of Fletcher's theories cuts too close to the truth. Or maybe there is more to Fletcher than meets the eye. Or both.

Fletcher manages to escape and runs to Sutton, who must decide whether to take the chance that he's telling the truth. Taking that chance will make them both some powerful enemies.

To say more would be to give away too much. Suffice it to say, rarely are things what they seem.

Director Richard Donner keeps everyone, on screen and in the audience, off balance.

Gibson gives a suitably edgy, paranoid performance and the rest of the cast do fine work as well.

The film is sure to hit home with some. Government paranoia is all the rage these days, from aliens in Roswell, N.M., to U.N. troops taking over the Midwest. Many viewers will probably nod their heads in agreement as Fletcher spouts off his beliefs.

## MOVIE SCHEDULES

Film timetable for Sunday, Aug. 10. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

## ALTON CINE

2840 Clair St., 462-1131  
Conspiracy Theory (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

## CARMIKE PETITE

1-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 344-1708  
Good Burger (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 7:00  
Contact (PG-13) 9:15

George Of The Jungle (PG) 1:30, 3:45, 7:30, 9:45  
Conspiracy Theory (R) 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45

Air Force One (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:15, 10:00

## EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, 254-5289  
Men In Black (PG-13) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10

Spawn (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50  
George Of The Jungle (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20

Picture Perfect (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
Fren Willy 3 (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Air Force One (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00

## COTTONWOOD

EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA  
Edwardsville, 656-6390

Men In Black (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50  
Spawn (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

George Of The Jungle (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

O'FALLON 15 CINE  
1220 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-4900

Hercules (G) 12:00, 2:15, 4:25, 7:00, 9:15  
Picture Perfect (PG-13) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:35

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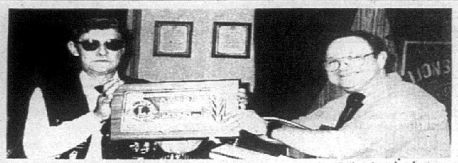
## Outboard engine repair offered

Belleville Area College's Industrial Training Center at the Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road, will offer outboard engine repair classes this fall.

Outboard Engine I will be offered from 5:15 to 9:35 p.m. Mondays, starting Aug. 25. Outboard Engine II will be offered from 5:15 to 9:35 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Aug. 27.

Both are 16-week courses. Students will gain a working knowledge of outboard boat engines and will have hands-on experience making simple engine repairs.

For more information, call the Industrial Training Center at 797-1387, or toll-free in Illinois at 1(800)BAC-5131, Ext. 471 or 472.



## Lions roar

Submitted photos

The Pontoon Beach Lions and Lioness Club recently held their yearly dinner for the installation of new officers. Above, John Roberts (left) was named "Lion of the Year." He was presented a plaque by Frank Cramer. At left, newly installed officers include, from left front, Kelly Cramer, rec secretary; and Tina Longo, director and Lioness of the Year; back row, Ada Conklin, vice president and 15-year member; Karen Simpson, treasurer; and Paula Werner, president.

## Counselor surveying couples in committed relationships

Being a counselor takes more than knowing what classes are closed and what major a student has declared. It involves discovering what other concerns a student has on

his or her mind. Pat Lurtz, a counselor at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus (GCC) realizes this, which is why she hopes that research she is doing

toward her doctorate will make her a better counselor. Lurtz is pursuing her doctorate in counseling education at St. Louis University. As part of completing her dissertation,

Lurtz is in the process of surveying couples in committed relationships to determine their attitudes toward their relationship and their personality preferences.

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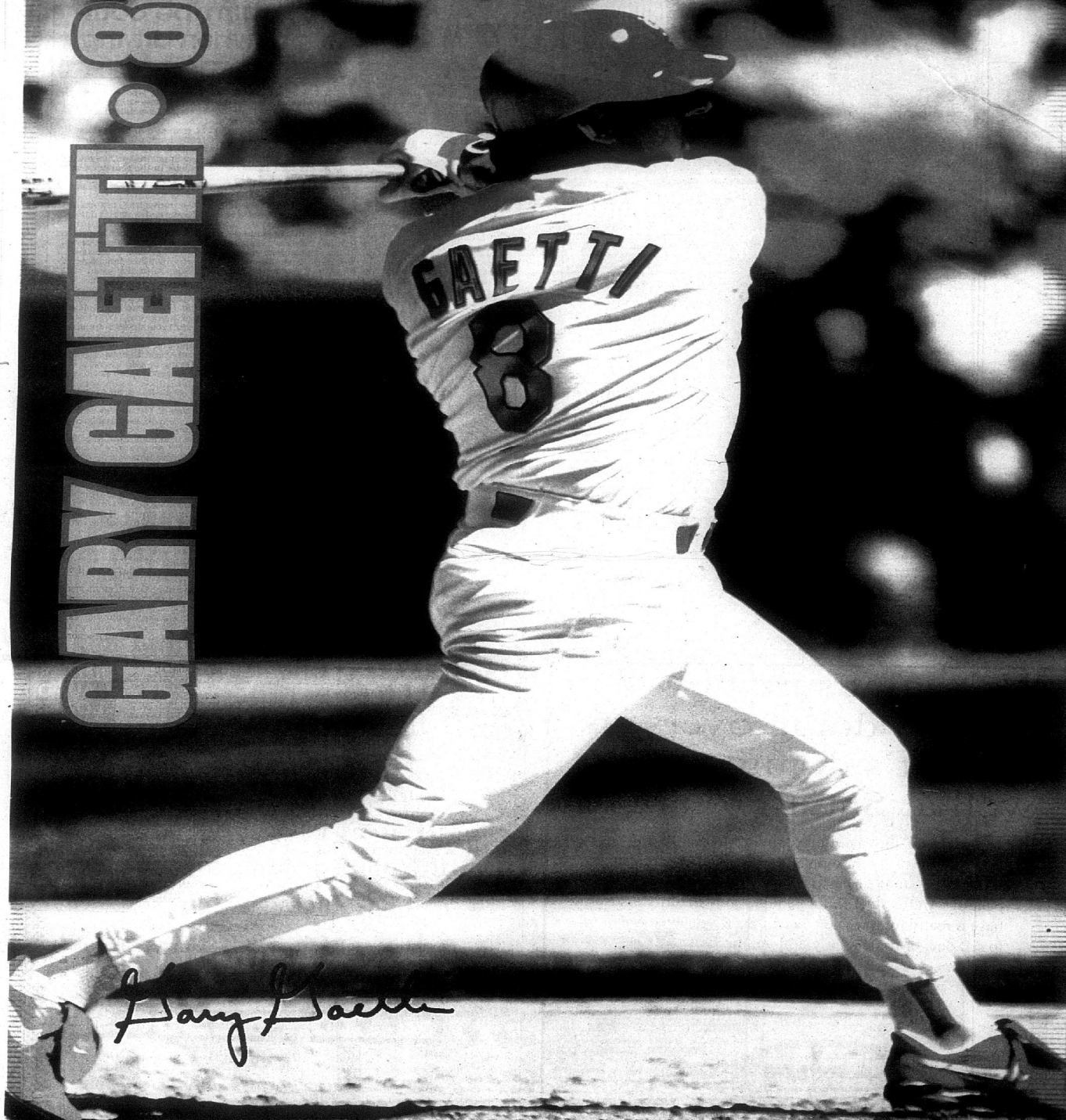
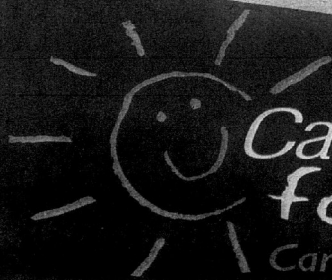


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